

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 5, 2023**

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Gordon declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session and led the Board and attending audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Pope and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.

**2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda):**

None.

**3. MINUTES:**       **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE  
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF November 28, 2023**

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

**4. APPEAL FOR PLANNING FILE CU 23-06**

Eric Knudson, Community Development Associate Planner, provided background information on the appeal for planning file CU 23-06 and stated that due to the technical nature of the appeal, Staff is recommending that the Board set this matter for a hearing before the Polk County Hearings Officer.

**COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST  
SECONDED TO HAVE THE APPEAL OF PLANNING FILE CU 23-06 BEFORE THE HEARINGS  
OFFICER.**

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

**5. COALITION AGAINST BIGGER TRUCKS PRESENTATION**

Josh Collins & Christy All, CABT, came before the Board of Commissioners to discuss the presence and impact of commercial trucks in Polk County and the important work they are doing with the coalition to push back against bigger and heavier trucks on Oregon's roads. Mr. Collins gave some background information on what they do within the CABT Organization and why they are here today. Mr. Collins stated that they are not against the trucking industry or truck drivers, that they are against bigger trucks on the roadways. Mr. Collins talked about some legislation that is being proposed to increase the weight limits nationwide from 80k lbs to 91k lbs. Mr. Collins stated that they ran a report to gauge how many bridges in Polk County that would not be able to withstand the 91k weight limit and that they found 39 bridges that would not be able to handle it. They also estimate that it would cost around \$46 million to repair or replace those bridges to be able to withstand the new requirements. Mr. Collins stated that they would love to draft a letter of opposition for the Board to support. Commissioner Pope wanted to know what Mr. Collins view on the verbiage "unfunded mandate" means. Mr. Collins answered his question. Commissioner Pope stated that he disagrees with the term being used "unfunded mandate." He agrees with unfunded, but not the use of mandate and then explained why. Commissioner Pope pointed out what he does agree with in their presentation as well. Commissioner Mordhorst asked questions about the death zone in front of trucks and what the recommended distance will be to have in front of the trucks with this added weight limit. Mr. Collins answered his question. Commissioner Gordon thanked them for their presentation and for their time.

**6. NON-LISTED ITEMS** - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

None.

Commissioner Gordon adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda  
Approved: December 12, 2023